**Twelve Powerful Words**

These words are **verbs** (action words). The actions these words represent are thinking processes (each word is a **different way to think** about something).

**Analyze** break down into pieces

**Compare** how things are similar

**Contrast** how things are different

**Describe** tell all about (5 senses)

**Evaluate** judge; rank; put a value on

**Explain** tell how

**Formulate** create; design; build; make

**Infer** educated guess

**Predict** tell what happens next

**Summarize** short version (MI + ID)

**Support** back up with details

**Trace** list in steps

**These thinking processes often overlap. They can be used one right after another or even at the same time.**

Example: *Weatherman* ***ANALYZES*** *information (wind, precipitation, land forms) and* ***INFERS*** *(makes educated guess) about what the weather will be. He then goes on television and* ***PREDICTS*** *what the weather will be the next day, week, etc.*